GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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THALASSAEMIC BIRTHS
A. VENKATESH NAIK

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to check thalassaemic births in the country; and

(b) if so, the programmes launched by the Government to prevent thalassaemic birth in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) Thalassaemic birth is being controlled only through genetic counseling and preventive diagnosis of affected fetus during pregnancy and terminating the same.

(b) A Programme has been initiated by the Indian Council of Medical Research to check thalassaemic birth in the country. A Research Project entitled `Community Control ofThalassaemia Syndromes-Awareness, Screening, Generic Counselling and Prevention` has also been initiated by ICMR.